

Federal Communications Commission

§0.453

explained in a preamble to the document.

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§0.451 Inspection of records: Generally.

(a) *Records which are routinely available for public inspection.* Sections 0.453 and 0.455 list those Commission records which are routinely available for public inspection and the places at which those records may be inspected. Procedures governing requests for inspection of such records are set out in §0.460.

(b) *Records which are not routinely available for public inspection.* Records which are not listed in §0.453 or §0.455 are not routinely available for public inspection. Such records fall into two categories.

(1) The first category consists of those records or kinds of records listed in §0.457 and of particular records withheld from public inspection under §0.459. The Commission has determined that there is a statutory basis for withholding these records from public inspection. In some cases, the Commission is prohibited from permitting the inspection of records. In other cases, the records are the property of another agency, and the Commission has no authority to permit their inspection. In still other cases, the Commission is authorized, for reason of policy, to withhold records from inspection, but is not required to do so.

(2) The second category consists of records which are not listed in §0.453, §0.455, or §0.457 and have not been withheld from inspection under §0.459. In some cases, these records have not been identified for listing. In other cases (e.g., the general correspondence files), the Commission is unable to determine either that all records in a class should be routinely available for inspection or that all records in that class should not be routinely available for inspection, and individual determination is required.

(3) Procedures governing requests for inspection of these records are set out in §0.461.

(4) Procedures governing demands by competent authority for inspection of these records are set out in §0.463.

(5) Except as provided in §§0.461 and 0.463, no officer or employee of the Commission shall permit the inspection of records which are not routinely available for public inspection under §0.453 or §0.455, or disclose information contained therein.

(c) *Copies.* Section 0.465 applies to requests for copies of Commission records which are routinely available for public inspection under §§0.453 and 0.455 and those which are made available for inspection under §0.461. Section 0.467 applies to requests for certified copies of Commission records.

(d) *Search fees.* Section 0.466 prescribes fees to cover the expense of searching for records made available for inspection under §0.460 or §0.461.

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§0.453 Public reference rooms.

The Commission maintains the following public reference rooms at its offices in Washington, DC, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, and Columbia, Maryland. Much of the information available from the public reference rooms may also be retrieved from the Commission's World Wide Web site at <<http://www.fcc.gov>>:

(a) *The Reference Information Center of the Consumer Information Bureau.* (1) Files containing the record of all docketed cases, petitions for rule making and related papers. A file is maintained for each docketed hearing case and for each docket rule making proceeding. Cards summarizing the history of such cases are available for inspection.

(2) Files, documents, and records related to the following services:

(i) Mass Media Services.

(A) Applications for broadcast authorizations and related files are available for public inspection. Certain broadcast applications, reports and records are also available for inspection in the community in which the station is located or is proposed to be located. See §§73.3526 and 73.3527 of this chapter.

(B) Ownership reports filed by licensees of broadcast stations pursuant to §73.3615.